



COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENTS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

In compliance with Governor Noem's Executive Order 2020-007, any bar, restaurant, brewery, cafe, coffee shop, or similar venue within South Dakota should suspend or modify gatherings of 10 or more people to be in an enclosed space where physical separation of at least six feet is not possible. Offer business models that do not involve public gatherings in an enclosed space.

OPERATIONS: Offer prepared foods through takeout, delivery, drive-through, curbside service, off-sale services or other innovative business models that do not involve public gatherings. Offer unprepared, wholesale food products from approved suppliers. These products may be repackaged for retail sale by following temporary FDA labeling guidance found [here](#). *

***Note:** Repackaging or selling of raw meat products is limited **ONLY** to inventory on hand and may require specific labeling. Contact SD Animal Industry Board at (605) 773-3321 for further guidance. See SD Dept. of Revenue link below for repackaged food "Sales for Resale" tax guidance.

EMPLOYEES:

- **STAY HOME** if you have symptoms of cough, fever or shortness of breath. **STAY HOME** if you have been in close contact with someone who was diagnosed or suspected to have COVID-19 in the last 14 days. If you need medical care, call ahead before going to the healthcare provider.
- Frequent handwashing with soap and warm water.
- Cover any cough or sneeze. Employees with symptoms of illness should be sent home immediately.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Social distance; keep at least 6 feet between yourself and other staff.

Employees with lab-confirmed COVID-19

An employee with a positive test for COVID-19 will be contacted by the SD Dept. of Health (SDDOH). SDDOH will provide them with guidance and help them identify close contacts. The impacted employee, and the employer, will be advised with information on what to do and follow-up steps.

When can the employee return to work?

If the employee has symptoms consistent with a COVID-19 infection - fever, cough, or shortness of breath – the employee will need to stay home, contact their medical provider if symptoms become severe, and self-isolate until:

- Symptoms of cough, or shortness of breath have improved, **AND**
- A minimum of seven days has passed since symptoms first appeared, **AND**
- Fever (100.4°F or higher) has been gone for at least 3 days **without** the use of fever-reducing medications.

For example:

- If the employee has a fever and cough for two days, the employee needs to stay home and self-isolate for three more days with no fever and no use of fever-reducing medication, for a minimum of seven days.
- Or, if the employee has a fever and cough for six days, the employee needs to stay home and self-isolate three more days with no fever for a total of nine days. Additional guidance for self-isolation can be found [here](#).

Employers will not need a healthcare provider release for food employees to return to work.

ESTABLISHMENTS:

- Increase cleaning (soap/water), sanitizing, and disinfection frequencies, especially high-contact surfaces such as door handles, tables, menus, condiments and restroom fixtures. Deep clean all areas of the establishment as time allows.
- A list of disinfecting and sanitizing agents can be found [here](#).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

SD Dept. of Revenue: <https://dor.sd.gov/media/x5wn31vv/2018-10-restaurants-and-bars.pdf>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/>

SD Retailers Association: <https://www.sdra.org/servsafe.html>

National Restaurant Association: <https://restaurant.org/covid19>